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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : NISHIDA et al.  
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Title : METHOD OF PREPARING FRY COOKED PRODUCT AND  
FRY COOKING DEVICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.